



1st July 2020

JCO/JSN/Academy letter

Dear Parent/Carers

Re Whole Academy Update

Since March 2020, we have experienced trying times, however at The Leigh Academy our community has achieved remarkable things: -

- We have kept open to provide a provision for children of key workers and vulnerable students throughout this period, with ever increasing numbers of students attending.
- We have provided online learning for all years and have developed this over time to now include 'live' lesson opportunities across most subjects and year groups.
- We have ensured regular communication with all families.
- We have provided a transition website and activities for both our incoming Year 6 and Year 12 cohorts.
- Face to face learning opportunities for Year 10 & Year 12 students in June and July.
- We are providing onsite 'reconnect and re-engage' sessions for Year 7 students in July.
- We are considering further ways to 'keep in touch' with our Year 8 and Year 9 students as we approach the end of the academic year.
- Year 10s and 12s have been back with us over the last two weeks and it has been a joy to have them back with us benefiting from the physical reconnection with the academy, contact with each other and their staff. I am sure Year 7s will benefit from their time back with us too.

We would now like to offer the opportunity for Year 8 and Year 9 students to attend a 'Keeping in Touch' session at the Leigh this module. This will be a 90-minute session with their current tutor and will be an opportunity to reconnect with each other, their tutor and the academy. These one-off sessions will take place on Monday 20th or Tuesday 21st July and full details will come out in a separate letter to Year 8 and Year 9 parents/carers later this week.

Year 11 and Year 13 families will also receive a separate letter later this week with further details regarding results days and support for the next stage and future destinations.

ParentPay update

All educational visits have been cancelled for this academic year and full refunds have been made for all of these. If you require any assistance on accessing these through ParentPay then please do contact parentpay@leighacademy.org.uk.

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Students in Year 11 and Year 13 who are not returning to us next year may also claim a refund on any monies on their ID card used for paying for food in the academy restaurant. To enquire into the status of your child's account please contact parentpay@leighacademy.org.uk . To request a refund please contact Cucina via email leigh@impactfood.co.uk .

Free School Meals

For families in receipt of Free School Meals, these vouchers will continue through the summer holidays. You will receive these via email, from Edenred, as has been the case since April.

End of Year Reports

I am pleased to inform you that we will be able to publish end of year reports for every child in years 7 - 10 and Year 12 at the end of this term. The reports will be in a different format to previous reports. Students will be given an engagement score reflecting their approach to learning and engagement in the online learning set for them as well as a comment from their subject teachers. Form tutors will also write a comment summarising and reflecting on the student's response to learning through this time.

I very much hope that we will be able to return to a more 'normal' way of working in September 2020. However, we are waiting for government guidelines on this. I will write to parents again when we have received guidance and have been able to plan for our return in September.

Onsite sessions for Year 10, Year 12 and Keyworker/vulnerable students will end on Friday 17th July. This will allow for the 'Keeping in Touch days' for Year 8 and Year 9 students to take place on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July, as well as the final sessions for Year 7 students.

Thank you for your ongoing support throughout this time and please do continue to support your child with their online or onsite learning.

Yours faithfully



Julia Collins
Principal